

La Peña Cultural Center
3105 Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94705
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La Peña Cultural Center

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Monday - Friday, 10am - 5pm
(510) 849-2568
(press ext. 4 for program info.)
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email: info@lapena.org / www.lapena.org

La Tienda Day Box Office

FOR ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
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(510) 849-2568 ext. 20 or www.lapena.org

Café Valparaíso at La Peña

The café is an independently operated family business run by Pablo and Miriam Valenzuela.
Wed - Thurs: 5:30pm-9:30pm
Fridays: 11am-10:30pm
Saturdays: 11am-10:30pm
Sundays: 11am-9:30pm
Phone/fax (510) 841-3800



La Peña disclaimer: Since 1975, more than 1,000 community groups have used La Peña's space. The use of our space does not mean that La Peña endorses the views presented. La Peña believes that it is important to help stimulate an environment conducive to discussion & understanding among different peoples & points of view.

* Indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that La Peña discount cards are not valid.
Programs subject to change. La Peña is wheelchair accessible.

Two-Month Calendar

(See back for April 2010)

Help Us Go GREEN!

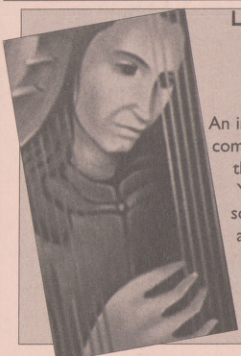
If you prefer emails instead of paper, let us know at ArtAndActivism@lapena.org



www.lapena.org

La Peña Cultural Center • Calendar of events • March 2010

SEE APRIL 2010 ON THE BACK



La Peña's friends introduce La Peña to their friends La Peña's 8th Annual Friendraiser Celebrating 35 Years, Like Brand New

Monday, March 15th, 2010 6:30pm - 8:30 pm

An inspiring evening where friends, artists, community members, & activists come together to share their stories about the impact La Peña has had on their lives. The Friendraiser is our major fundraising event of the year. Your support is essential to fulfilling our mission of promoting peace, social justice & cultural understanding through the arts and community action. We will have the honor of inducting into *La Peña's Hall of Fame* the fearless civil rights & social justice activist Yuri Kochiyama. RSVP Only. Please contact Nadine at 510-849-2568 ext. 12. At The Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 - 9th Street, Oakland.

SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY

3 CAFE SCIENCE WITH TONY BARNOSKY 7PM FREE

The Sun

Contemporary surrealist art by Alejandro De La Torre. Electro-Latin folk and minimalist beats by DJ Eddie Le Rooster. Projections by Alejandro de La Torre and Fernando Sotelo and special surprise guests.

Doors open at 7pm \$10*

THURSDAY

4 BENEFIT

Art of Living City Leadership Corp Fundraiser!

Raise your prana & help raise Scholarship Funds for local youth of color to participate in yoga & meditation courses so they may live stress free & make positive changes in themselves and their communities. Enjoy an evening of community building, literary & performance art, music & dancing. Hosted by Headrush's *xago*. 8pm \$10-\$20 Sliding scale*

FRIDAY

5 CONCERT

Sandy Perez y su Lade

present an evening of Afro-Cuban jazz deeply influenced by folkloric traditions in tribute to Yoruban gods and goddesses.

8:30pm \$12 adv. \$15 door

SATURDAY

6 ABBY & THE PIPSQUEAKS 10:30AM

Join us for an evening of hip hop and Afro Cuban folklore!

La krudas & Sandy Perez

All female Cuban hip hop group *Las Krudas* will be joined by special guest *Sandy Perez*. Please join us to witness the intersection of turntables and congas celebrating culture from the old to the new! 9pm 10 adv. 12 dr.

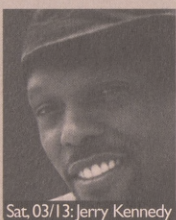
Los Amiguitos Saturday Morning Children's Programs

10:30am \$5 adults, \$4 children

La Peña has been presenting children's programs since 1977 to offer something different to what mainstream commercial media offers our kids. Our early morning programs expose children to live performances and organic music as well as to performers who reflect the diversity of the world around us.



Sat, 03/6: Abby



Sat, 03/13: Jerry Kennedy



Sat, 03/20: Uncle Eye



Sat, 03/27: Mariela

SUNDAY

7 CAFE RUMBA 3:30-6PM

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14 FOOD JUSTICE

Join us in a multi-generational evening incorporating food, food politics, art, & sharing.

Foodshare

This community-building event celebrates cutting-edge work being done by young people and their adult mentors to build a more just and sustainable food system in the Bay Area. There will be appetizing drinks, scrumptious food, book signings, visual art presentations, & a cookbook swap. 7pm \$15

21 CAFE RUMBA 3:30-6PM

Choral Synergy!

Two Bay Area choral treasures - Vukani Mawethu and La Peña Community Chorus - join hearts and voices in an evening of inspiration with songs from South Africa, Latin America, and the world.

7pm \$17 adv. \$20 dr.

28 BENEFIT FOR HAITI RELIEF FUNDS

Come & Celebrate César Chávez Day Muchas Voces Una Visión Many Voices One Vision

A collective poetry reading by more than 30 Bay Area poets as a Benefit for the Relief Efforts in Haiti by *Doctors Without Borders* with San Francisco Poet Laureate *Diane di Prima* as guest poet. 7-10pm \$10* Suggested Donation (No one turned away for lack of funds)

10 FILM

Hood Games Film Fest.

check La Peña website for details www.lapena.org

11 CONCERT

Seize The Day CD release party! Bronkar's Circus of Sound

"Simply mind-blowing" Internationally acclaimed beatboxer, drummer, juggler, musician, actor, funny man, & circus performer extraordinaire, *Bronkar* brings you a night you will not forget for the rest of your life! This high energy, fun, spontaneous, exciting show will leave you buzzing for weeks! www.circusofsound.com 8pm \$10

17 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Not a big enough house for all your guests? Did you know you can RENT US? Plan your community activity at La Peña. Priority is given to day time rentals. Call us at (510) 849-2568 ext. 13

18 CONCERT

Rama presents Ohana!

(Hawai'ian for family) . A showcase of Asian American musicians, spoken word artists, dancers, video/multidisciplinary artists, and visual artists. This event features singer/songwriter Cynthia Lin (www.cynthialin.com) and more. Hosted by Ryan Takemiya. 7:30pm \$10* (no one turned away for lack of funds)

19 CONCERT

A Concert of Latin American Traditional & Contemporary Songs With Rafael Manriquez & Ingrid Rubis

Songs from their recent CD *Aqui te traigo una Rosa* and works by Victor Jara, Violeta Parra, Atahualpa Yupanqui and the immortal sung poetry of Pablo Neruda & Gabriela Mistral. 8pm \$12 in adv. \$15 dr.

13 JERRY KENNEDY 10:30AM

Hip-hop in many ways reflects the broader patriarchal society.

Queendom

a fundraiser for "A Safe Place," features women center stage. Witness ladies representing all 4 elements-graf writing, breakin', MCing, DJing-as they always have. 9pm \$10 gen. \$8 students

20 UNCLE EYE 10:30AM

Sonidos de Venezuela y Latinoamerica Nicolas Real

Direct from Venezuela, internationally recognized Venezuelan flutist Nicolas Real. His CD *Music from the Eastern Venezuela*, gathers an exquisite selection of the great variety of Venezuelan genres. Special guests Jaqueline Rago and Anna-Maria Violich from the Venezuelan Music Project 8pm \$14 adv. \$16 door Art Opening Reception for *David Perea*. 3:30-5:30pm (Theater) FREE

27 MARIELA 10:30AM

Enlaces Series

Y Los Pañuelos features the *zamacueca*, mother dance of the Americas with Aracauria, de Rompe y Raja, Chaskinakuy, Daniel Zamalloa, Vladimir Vukanovich, Los Lupeños de San Jose, Lichi Fuentes, Gabriel & Efrain Escobar, Pampa Cortes & Gigi Jensen, Nestor Ruiz, Gabriela Shiroma. Narration: Paul Flores. 8pm \$15 adv. \$18 dr.



Rafel & Ingrid 03/19



Nicolas Real 03/20

Anita Tijoux 03/25



LA PEÑA WISH LIST
Bass & piano amps • PC laptop with wireless capacity • Apple G4 laptop • Technics 1200 Turntables • Basic carpentry skills



Poetry Benefit for Haiti 03/28

Help Support La Peña with eScrip

eScrip is a way for La Peña to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants. Hundreds of merchants contribute a percentage to La Peña when you shop. Call Nadine at (510) 849-2568 ext. 12 to learn more.

LA PEÑA'S EXHIBITS • MARCH & APRIL



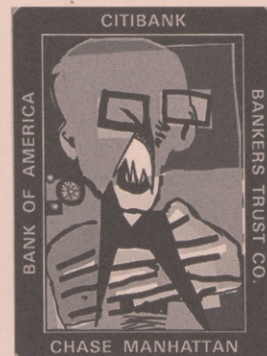
Rita Blitt

A Retrospective. Doug Minkler's 2010 La Peña exhibit will cover 30+ years of poster-making. Doug's work interweaves enough defiance, humor and lust for life to both educate and inspire activist participation. Come see the posters that announced the Longshore Workers 2008 antiwar shut-down of all West Coast ports and the Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan's call for an end to US military intervention as well as the poster that commemorates Tolstoy's 1899 Peace Conference Letter (that was banned by the city of Berkeley), to name just a few. **Opening Reception:** Sat. April 17, 4-6pm Lobby. The public is invited.

In the Theater: March 4-March 31: Photos by *David Perea*. Photography and Poetry by Bay Area artist, David Perea. "Urban photographs in a Poetic Dimension." An abstract exploration of graphics fusion in a poetic composition. Photos and poems from "Slanted Moments in San Francisco," a bilingual book of poetry and pictures. **Opening Reception:** Sat. March 20, 3:30-5:30pm Theater. The public is invited.

In the Lobby and Cafe. March 1-March 30: Gestural "Chi," the artwork of renowned artist, painter, sculptor, and filmmaker, Rita Blitt. "Painting with two hands at once makes me feel like I'm dancing," notes Rita Blitt.

In the Lobby and Cafe, April 2-May 1:



Doug Minkler

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(SEE MARCH 2010 ON THE BACK)

Saturday, April 17
The African Connection between Mexico & Peru!



Patricio Hidalgo, Pedro Rosales & Liche Oseguera 04/17



Jon Fromer & Lichi Fuentes 04/2

THURSDAY
1 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

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FRIDAY
2 CONCERT

Lichi Fuentes and Jon Fromer

Songs for the struggle, featuring the rich voice, haunting melodies and moving lyrics of Lichi and Jon's soulful vocals, rhythmic guitar and inspiring messages.

8pm \$12 adv.
\$14-\$20 door sliding scale

SATURDAY
3 ALPHABET ROCKERS 10:30AM

La Peña 35th Anniversary Edition The Park Presents... Vol. 3

The Bay Area's most in-demand rhythm section makes their long awaited return to La Peña backing an All-Star cast of emcees & vocalists including Nino Moschella, Vonway, Melina Jones, Do Dat & Isis, 40 Love, Siara Shawn, & more! With DJ Whooligan

9pm \$10 gen. \$7 students



Trio Chaskinakuy Gabriela Lena Frank 04/8

SUNDAY
4 CAFE RUMBA 3:30-6PM

EASTER SUNDAY

CAFE VALPARAISO IS OPEN FROM 11AM-9:30PM ON SUNDAYS

CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEBSITE for more information and for up-to-the-minute programming www.lapena.org

WEDNESDAY
7 CAFE SCIENCE WITH JEFFREY SILVERMAN 7PM. FREE

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THURSDAY
8 CONCERT

From Beethoven to Bolivia

Trio Chaskinakuy Gabriela Lena Frank, & SF Chamber Orchestra All-Stars

perform music of Beethoven plus folkloric music from South America in a very special cross-cultural musical event.

8pm \$12

FRIDAY
9 PERFORMANCE ARTIST TALK

Two Days Only! Friday & Saturday, April 9 & 10; Performance Artist Lec-Dem

AFRO-HAITIAN NEO-FOLKLORE

Adia Whitaker is one of the youngest, professional choreographers and Master Teachers of Afro-Haitian Folklore in the US. She will show and talk about the piece **Ampey!**, a multidisciplinary theatre, music, & dance piece that explores the spiritual, emotional, & physical disconnect between African Americans and Continental Africans.

8pm 10 adv. 12 dr.

SATURDAY
10 LOS MAPACHES 10:30AM



Maritri 04/23

FREE THE CUBAN 5

Speakers and discussion on the U.S. blockade, travel to Cuba, and the Cuban 5

Solidarity with the Cuban Revolution

Sponsored by Pastors for Peace. For More information <cucaravan@igc.org> or 831-512-6688. 3pm-7pm \$5

FILM
14

Hood Games Film Fest.

check La Peña website for details www.lapena.org

COMEDY
15

Three Shows Only : Thursday & Friday April 15 & 16
Third Root presents

The W Kamau Bell Curve

Kamau returns to the La Peña stage with his seamless mix of political stand-up comedy, video and audio clips, and solo theatrical performance. Kamau attacks racism with a new slew of material at every performance.

8pm Two shows on Friday 8pm & 10pm \$18 adv. \$22 dr.

Bring a friend of a different race and get in 2 for 1!

SATURDAY
17 BONNIE LOCKHART 10:30AM

La Colectiva Presents:

The African Connection between Mexico & Peru!

Featuring the Masters: Liche Oseguera and Patricio Hidalgo from Chuchumbe, Pedro Rosales and De Rompe Y Raja, and a special performance by La Colectiva!

doors open at 8pm \$10 adv. 12 dr.

Art Opening Reception for Doug Minkler. 4-6pm Lobby.



Enlaces Sandy Perez & Yaelisa 04/24

CAFE RUMBA 3:30-6PM

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Make a difference through the arts! Support La Peña! During these tough economic times, individual contributions make a significant difference in La Peña's annual programming. If you can, please make a donation to support our plethora of art.

CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN
21

Thursday, April 22

Direct From Mexico! Singer-Songwriter in Concert

Mauricio Diaz "El Hueso"

and friends. Mauricio Diaz is a innovative poetic singer/songwriter who will be sharing songs from his new album "No Recuerdo". Joining him will be local Bay Area musicians.

8pm \$12

CONCIERTO/CONCERT
22

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CONCERT
23

Known as an aphrodisiac, a soother, a love maker

Miel (Honey)

is also a cabaret of artists & musicians able to cleanse your spirit and inspire your heart. An eclectic night of Afro-Cuban dance, blues, folk, hip hop and soul with Cynthia Renta, Kali Boyce as TuffNStuff, Skim (from LA) and Maritri (from NYC). This event is hosted by Maceo Cabrera Estévez.

8pm \$12 adv. \$15 dr.

COLIBRI 10:30AM
24

Enlaces Series

La Rumba Flamenca derives from the influence of Afro-Cuban rumba brought back from Cuba to Spain during the 19th century.

Sandy Perez y Su Lade & Yaelisa Caminos Flamencos explore the cultural contributions between rumba flamenca & rumba Cubana. Narration: Paul Flores.

8pm \$18 adv. \$20 dr.

The Rebirth: For street dancers of all styles! Mondays 9-11 PM. All levels are welcome. An open and inclusive environment for dancers of all levels to cypher, build community, & improvise with live musicians. Each week there will be guest local MC's, vocalists, or percussionists.

GREEN OUR COMMUNITIES

PLANT URBAN GARDENS

FOOD JUSTICE SERIES
25

La Peña's 2nd Annual **International Food Tasting**

Savoring dishes from all over the world prepared by artists, audience members, chefs, activists & our board, staff & volunteers. Each recipe is a testimonial of our ancestral & cultural backgrounds, reclaiming our foods, reclaiming ourselves from the agro-corporate businesses.

\$15* (4-dish tasting) 6-9pm
Benefit for La Peña

CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN
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THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS FUNDERS!

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CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN
29

CONCERT
30

Direct from Botswana!

Maru-a-Pula Marimba Ensemble

The Maru-a-Pula Marimba Ensemble travels from Botswana to perform a celebration of music and cultural exchange. Directed by Zimbabwean marimba legend Alport Mhlanga. Proceeds to benefit AIDS orphan scholarships at Maru-a-Pula School.

8pm \$14 adv. \$16 dr.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Do your part for Cultural Activism and Social Justice and become a La Peña volunteer or intern today! Internships for school credit can also be arranged. Call Mariola at (510) 849-2568 ext. 13 or mariola@lapena.org



Maru-a-Pula Marimba Ensemble from Botswana 04/30

L@s Amiguit@s de La Peña / La Peña's Little Friends Series

Every Saturday morning, remember to do your chores, turn the TV off, and bring your kids to experience & participate in our live shows with performers who reflect the diversity of the world around us.

10:30am. Adults \$5, Kids \$4

Sat. April 3: High energy beats The Alphabet Rockers

Sat. April 10: Andean music with Los Mapaches.

Sat. April 17: original songs for children, Bonnie Lockhart

Sat. April 24: Bilingual participatory songs with Colibri. Season Finale!



The Park 04/3

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IN OUR BIMONTHLY CALENDAR AND SUPPORT LA PEÑA

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Pass it On: Share your Story with the Next Generation

Your immigration story needs to be told. The stories of your past will help pave the way for your children/grandchildren's future. This exciting new class will help you develop and tell your story. The class is designed for adults 50 years and older but no one will be turned to away. Teacher: veteran storyteller, **Nina Serrano** of Stagebridge, the nation's oldest senior theatre company. **Class dates: Mondays 6-7:15pm. April 12th - May 17th, 2010.** Contact Stagebridge at 510-444-4755 x 115. <kirk@stagebridge.org> or come to the first class at La Peña. Tuition: \$60 for the six classes. Limited scholarships available through Stagebridge. www.stagebridge.org.

Yes! I Support La Peña's 35th Year!

La Peña is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

☐ \$500 Padrino/Madrina – receive an **Annual Pass**, which gets you free admission to **ALL La Peña events**

☐ \$250 Victor Jara – receive **4 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**

☐ \$100 Paul Robeson – receive **2 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**

☐ \$50 Malvina Reynolds – receive **1 Free Ticket to any La Peña event**

☐ \$35 Compañero/Compañera – You invest in La Peña and receive the calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only \$3 per month)

☐ \$25 Activista – Student, fixed income, low income membership with calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only \$2 per month)

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